



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans News

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### NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

#### GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER CALLS ON CALIFORNIA VETERANS TO JOIN VETERANS PRIDE INITIATIVE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today asked all veterans living in California to join the "Veterans Pride Initiative" by wearing their military medal on Veterans Day as a way to remind all Californians of the pride and honor they have in their service to this great nation.

"We owe a great deal to our veterans and we should thank them whenever we see a veteran," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Many times they pass among us quietly living their lives and working their jobs, never boasting of their services or experience. Veterans Day is the one day when they all should proudly boast their service and display their achievements."

The Veterans Pride Initiative was started by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson and is modeled after a tradition seen in many other nations like Australia, New Zealand and Canada where their veterans wear their military medals on their shirts and coats on their Veterans Days.

"When we see our veterans wearing their medals at parades and ceremonies on Veterans Day we will be reminded of the courage and sacrifice they all made to serve and protect us," said Governor Schwarzenegger. California is home to more than 2.2 million veterans.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs is offering information about the campaign on a web page, <http://www.va.gov>, where veterans also can obtain information about how to replace mislaid medals and learn how to confirm the decorations to which they are entitled.

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#### REMINDER: VETERANS DAY 2006 EVENTS

Please continue reporting your organization's Veterans Day 2006 events to the California Department of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Veterans Day 2006 Event Calendar, which will be posted on the department's website. Email the What, When, Where, Who, and Why information for your event to [newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov](mailto:newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov).

Please call Jaime Arteaga in CDVA's Public Information Office at 916-653-1355 if you have any questions or concerns about this online event calendar.

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